

REMARKS


In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants have elected "cellular mRNA" with traverse.

The traversal is on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire claim can be made without serious burden on the examiner. A search can be designed and carried out that focuses on the common elements of the two categories of mRNA. Additionally the section of the MPEP cited on page 2 of the restriction requirement (MPEP 803.02) states that "if the members of the Markush group are sufficiently few in number....the examiner must examine all the members of the Markush group in the claim on the merits, even though they are directed to independent and distinct inventions." In this instance, there are 2 members of the group, cellular mRNA and viral mRNA.

Having made this election, Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more divisional or continuation applications on the subject matter of the nonelected claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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